

An Ordinance by Councilman Jim Maddox

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO WAIVE 30% OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA SOLID WASTE SERVICE FEES FOR TAXPAYERS AGE SIXTY-FIVE AND OVER WHOSE ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED (\$39,000) THIRTY NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta bills and collects solid waste service fees from all property owners in the City of Atlanta regardless of age and income status; and

WHEREAS, there are 10,910 property owners age 65 and over with income less than \$39,000 in the City of Atlanta who pay property taxes and solid waste service fees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta exempts all taxpayers regardless of age with income less than ten thousand dollars from paying the recycling portion of the solid waste service fee in the amount of thirty dollars; and

WHEREAS, the exemption from the recycling fee is not given to qualifying taxpayers unless application is made for the exemption to the City of Atlanta each year the exemption is sought; and

WHEREAS, many of these 10,910 property owners age 65 and over with income less than \$39,000 are finding it increasingly difficult to pay property taxes and solid waste service fees each year because of increases in property taxes and solid waste service fees;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any property owner who has filed for and received an overage exemption, being age 65 and over and with income less than \$39,000, be granted exemption from paying 30% of their solid waste service fee on the property for which the overage exemption was granted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exemption from paying 30% of their solid waste service fee remains unchanged until such time as the ownership or exemption status changes for the property for which the overage exemption was granted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Atlanta ease the burden on each taxpayer in this city age 65 and over with income less than \$39,000 by exemption from 30% of their solid waste service fee beginning with tax year 2001 on the property for which the overage exemption was granted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Atlanta ease the burden on any property owner who has filed for and received an overage exemption, being age 65 and over with income less than \$39,000, by granting amnesty from paying delinquent solid waste service fees owed to the City of Atlanta for year 2000 and prior years, on property for which overage exemption was granted.

* The income value in this resolution/ordinance is the resident's adjusted gross income together with the adjusted gross income of the resident's spouse who resides at such homestead, and does not exceed the maximum amount that may be received by an individual and an individual's spouse under the Federal Social Security Act.

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First Reading

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MAYOR'S ACTION

CERTIFIED

FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

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Readings

☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☐ RC Vote